

(J) ALL PAPERS DELIVERED TO A BOAPD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION AND REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS PURSUANT TO § 4A-2, AFTER VERIFICATION AND ENDORSEMENT AS REQUIRED, SHALL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED BY THE BOARD TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS FIVE WEEKS OR 35 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION SHOULD BE HELD UNDER THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW OR, IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE TO BE FILLED PURSUANT TO § 22-1(B) OF THIS ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE THE MONDAY WHICH IS TWO WEEKS OR 14 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

(K) THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS SHALL DETERMINE THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNING PETITIONS IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH CANDIDATES FILE CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION OR OF CANDIDACY IN ITS OFFICE. IN ALL OTHER INSTANCES, THE DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(L) IF THE TOTAL REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES IS NOT PROPERLY APPENDED TO THE PETITION, IT SHALL BE DECLARED INSUFFICIENT, AND THE NAME OF THE PROPOSED CANDIDATE MAY NOT BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

(M) UNLESS PROVIDED OTHERWISE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO CANDIDATES OR NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 16, 1976.

CHAPTER 49

(Senate Bill 31)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Case Appeals - Right of the State

FOR the purpose of extending the right of the State to appeal in certain criminal cases; and giving the extension only prospective effect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,